

COMMISSION FOR STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE
4th MEETING OF 2015
MINUTES
2 SEPTEMBER 2015
CONFERENCE ROOM, COMMISSIONS SECRETARIAT

PRESENT: Rosie Whittaker-Myles	Chairman
Sheenah Hislop	Member
Pastor Shian O'Connor	Member

APOLOGIES: N/A

SECRETARIAT MEMBERS PRESENT:

Deborah Bodden Manager, Commissions Secretariat

1. Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm and a prayer was offered.

2. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

a. SPL 2014, SPL (Am) Bill and SPL (Regulations)

Members agreed the list of proposed amendments to the SPL. These will be forwarded to the Legal Drafting Department for incorporation into the SPL (AM) Bill prior to further review.

3. New Business

a. Inspection of the Register of Interests

Prior to the start of the meeting the Commission members attended the Legislative Assembly to inspect the current Register of Interests. The object of the inspection was for Members to gain a better understanding of the way the system currently works, including what requirements exist for those who are mandated to file and how those requirements are being complied with.

b. Report of the Commission

The Chairman indicated that a copy of the draft of the first report of this Commission will be circulated to all members for their input shortly. The report covers the work of the Commission for the first six months, from 1 February to 31 July 2015.

4. Any Other Business

a. Public Relations

The Chairman indicated that the Commission needs to begin engaging in public relations. Having met with the Honourable Premier for an introductory meeting the Members would now like to meet with the Honourable Leader of the Opposition. The Secretariat was asked

to arrange such a meeting. In addition, Members were asked to consider their availability to engage in various media opportunities to discuss the work of the Commission.

b. Website

The Commission discussed the need for a more user friendly website with updated information. The Manager informed that she was in the process of securing quotes to build each of the Commissions new websites but in the interim the information on members would be updated.

c. Areas of Constitutional Mandate

Members engaged in a brief discussion on the areas of constitutional mandate and the Manager informed that there are a large number of documents available for review from the work/research of the last Commission when the Members were ready to focus on different areas. Following discussions on the mandate to review and establish procedures for awarding public contracts, the Manager will forward a sample of the work undertaken by the previous Commission related to procurement for discussion at the next meeting.

d. Composition of the Commission

The Chairman indicated that whilst the Constitution requires only three members for the Commission to be fully functioning, there was some concern that if a member was unable to make a meeting or unavailable, it would be difficult for the work of the Commission to continue. The Secretariat was asked to address the matter with Her Excellency, the Governor

5. Action Items

Members were asked to:

- a. Review the draft Report when circulated; and
- b. Give consideration to their availability to participate in media events.

The Secretariat was asked to:

- a. Forward the agreed amendments to the SPL (Am) Bill to the Legal Drafting Department;
- b. Arrange a meeting with the Leader of the Opposition;
- c. Update the website; and
- d. Address the issue of the composition of the Commission with Her Excellency.

6. Items to be discussed at the next meeting

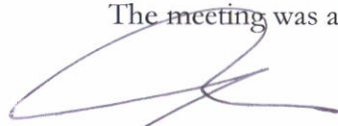
- a. SPL 2014, SPL (Am) Bill and SPL (Regulations)
- b. Report of the Commission
- c. Public Relations
- d. Procedures for Awarding Public Contracts

7. Next meeting

The date of the next meeting is 1 October 2015.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.



Rosie Whittaker-Myles

CHAIRMAN

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